GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1567
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ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN PURCHASE OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines worth Rs.150 crore are purchased each year under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) ;

(b) if so, the facts thereof ;

(c) whether there has been alleged irregularity in the purchase of the said medicines by the Government and certain firms were favoured ;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether these have been investigated by the Government; and

(f) if so, the name of the agency conducting the investigation and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Expenditure for procuring medicines for the CGHS dispensaries is met under the Sub-Head Supplies and Materials and the amount incurred during the last four financial years under this Sub-Head is as under:-

Year	Amount in Rupees
2001-2002	Rs.165.38 crore
2002-2003	Rs.186.04 crore
2003-2004	Rs.222.94 crore
2004-2005	Rs.161.40 crore(approx.)

The CGHS Delhi procures its bulk supply of medicines through Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation(HSCC), a Public Sector Undertaking and for CGHS cities outside Delhi, the bulk supply is procured through the Medical Stores Organisation of the Dte.GHS. No complaint has been received by the Govt. regarding irregularity in the purchase of medicines by the HSCC/MSO.

(d)to(f): In view of (a)to(c) above, the questions do not arise.